

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 7 November 2017
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
 2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes October 3, 2017. Approved with edits.
 3. Communications Received:
 - a. Historical House Marker inquiry for 163 Forest Street.
 - b. Demolition sign off request for 24 Crosby Street. The property is not on the Inventory.
 - c. Inquiry from Burns Realty Boston regarding requirements for hearings. Directed to the website.
 4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Prospects out there.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Program series has started.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
 - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Public meeting to be held for garden restoration and water system on November 30, 2017 at the Robbins Library at 7:00pm.
- Historical Commission FY 2018 Budget – Nothing to report.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 47 Mystic Lake Drive 9/16 Guthrie- Work in progress.
 - c. 487 Massachusetts Avenue 5/17 Schaefer- Signage complete.
 - d. 89 Beacon Street 4/17 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
 - e. 21 Ashland Street 9/17 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - f. 47 Bartlett Street 9/17 Guthrie- Deleading
 - g. Signs for 444 Massachusetts Avenue, 9 Mystic Street, 454 Massachusetts Avenue, 489 Massachusetts Avenue 9/17 Schaefer-
 - h. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - i. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
 - j. 27 Wyman Street 10/17 Stange- No report.
 4. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings) Robinson/Guthrie- Email from Christine Bongiorno regarding plan to replace gutters on the back wing of the Whittemore Robbins House.
- a. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – CPA Report.
- b. Education/Outreach: Robinson – See above.
- c. Historic House Markers: Marker received for
- d. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- e. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

5. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Formal Hearing for 12 Schouler Court with Sophie Bjorsten (12 Schouler Court) and Elizabeth Shea (14 Schouler Court). Plan was presented to replace current wood framed windows with simulated divided light vinyl windows and remove storms. The discussion with the Commissioners involved looking into restoration of the wood windows, looking at the condition of the storm windows and getting in contact with the Cambridge Historical Society regarding pros and cons of replacement vs. repair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meister to accept the plan to replace windows with simulated divided light with like dimensions and appearance to what is in place.

Commissioner Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion failed due to two yes votes and two no votes.

The following options are now available:

- a. Hearing can be reopened
- b. Share link with Cambridge Historical Society
- c. Share contracting information
- d. Look at Preservation Loans for restoration of windows.
- e. Can proceed with replacement of windows in the back of the house as these are not in the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The hearing closed at 8:35pm.

8:35pm Formal Hearing for the Henry Swan House at 418 Massachusetts Avenue with Neeraj Bhatia. Plan presented to replace siding on the entire house and repair windows. A motion was made to repair wooden windows and to allow the introduction of storm windows. All voted in favor.

The Arlington Historical Commission held a hearing at 8:35pm on November 7, 2017. This property is listed on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties. At the hearing a quorum of the Commission voted unanimously to approve the restoration plans. Monitor for the project will be Eric Stange.

This hearing will continue on December 5 regarding the siding plans.

Ended at 8:56pm.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be December 5, 2017 at 7:45pm.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.